



## *Happening's In the Office of Attorney General Steve Carter*

May 18, 2007

### Consumer Alert

*Consumers should check with their local county recorder before using commercial deed service*

Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter and Allen County Recorder John McGauley today alerted consumers wishing to obtain a copy of the deed to their home.

Earlier this spring, counties across Indiana became aware of a business that distributed a mass mailing within offering to sell new homeowners copies of the deed to their homes at a cost of \$59.50. That same document, if obtained directly from a county recorder, often costs the consumer as little as \$1-\$2.

Click [here](#) to read the story from the Fort Wayne *Journal Gazette*.  
Click [here](#) to read the full news release.

***“Deciding to utilize a service to purchase public records must balance the cost, convenience and the facts,” Attorney General Steve Carter said. “Even without paying an outside service, you can get your property deed for as little as a few dollars. If you get a solicitation, don’t think that your property deed is in jeopardy.”***

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### Do Not Call News

*Reminder!*

**Next Deadline to Register for the  
Do Not Call list is Tuesday, May 22**

<u>Register by</u>	<u>Effective</u>
May 22	July 1
August 21	October 1
November 20	January 1, 2008

### Consumer Alert

#### **Human Smuggling Scams Targeting the Hispanic Community**

Attorney General Steve Carter cautioned the Hispanic community about a human smuggling scam that is targeting Indiana families. Scam artists are calling, claiming to have successfully smuggled a family member across the border and threatening to hold him/her in custody until they receive payment through wire transfer. Often the payment is several thousand dollars.

Click [here](#) to read the news story from WTHR.  
Click [here](#) to read the full news release.

## Carter Supports Victims of Crime

In recognition of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the Indiana Attorney General's Office hosted a Bake & Donate event at the Indiana Government Center South (Conference Room A) in Indianapolis. The event was held Friday, April 27.

***"We encourage Hoosiers to recognize the perseverance and strength that victims of crime endure after their perpetrator has been incarcerated and during an appeals process," Attorney General Steve Carter said. "It is also a time to show our support for victims and their families during difficult times."***

Click [here](#) to read the full news release.



Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Director Mike Cunegin delivers hygiene products to AG Carter

## Carter Continues Efforts to Reform GUEA

*The Liquidation of GUEA Properties will Generate Future Funding for the Newly Created Emerson Trust*

More than 600 properties have been transferred to the City of Gary (City) as required under a plan developed by Indiana Attorney General Steve Carter and approved by the City and former directors of the Gary Urban Enterprise Association (GUEA) and the Gary Redevelopment Commission earlier this year.

***"GUEA was plagued by corrupt oversight and failed oversight in the past. These provisions should stop that in the future," Carter said.***

Click [here](#) to read the news story from *The Times of Northwest Indiana*.

Click [here](#) to read the full news release.